



REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE
EXAMINING GROUP 2125

5000-83702/TT1555-D

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application No.: 09/678,637 ✓

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Title: Automated Material
Handling System for a
Manufacturing Facility
Divided into Separate
Fabrication Areas

Examiner: Masinick, M.

Group/Art Unit: 2125

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Dear Sir:

This paper is submitted in response to the Final Action of January 27, 2003, to further highlight why the application is in condition for allowance.

Please amend the case as listed below.

In the Claims:

Please add the following claims.